have been inquired into by the Commissioner of Railway Safety during the last three years. The details of these accidents are as under :—

Year	Collisions	Derailments	Fire in trains	Total
1989-90	—	3	1	4
1990-91	5	1	2	8
1991-92	7	4	—	11
Total :	12	8	3	23

(b) The reports of all 23 accidents have been submitted.

(c) 18 (Eighteen).

(d) Suitable disciplinary action has been completed or is under way against the railway staff held responsible in the inquiry reports. The penalties imposed or proposed to be imposed include dismissal, removal, reversion, reduction in stage, withholding of increment, stoppage of passes and PTOs, and other minor penalties according to the gravity of lapses.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The present arrangements are considered satisfactory and adequate. The Commission of Railway Safety, a permanent body, functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, independently of the Ministry of Railways. It ensures objectivity and independence of inquiry proceedings. Moreover, extensive expertise and technical know-how is considered essential in conducting investigations into railway accidents.

Construction of over-bridges for rail-crossings in Karnataka

1933. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of demands for construction of overbridges for rail-crossings, in the fast growing cities and towns of Karnataka are pending clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the criterion for construction of a over or under bridges at rail crossings; and

(d) how many such proposals are for Hubli-Dharwad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached. [*See* below]

(c) Busy level crossings (those having more than 1 lakh train vehicle units, a figure obtained by multiplying number of trains passing in 24 hours by the road traffic) are considered for replacement by road over/under bridge provided proposal therefor is sponsored by the State Government duly consenting to sharing of cost as per rules.

(d) One.

Statement

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Sl. No.	Details of proposals for Road Over Bridges (ROBs)	Present status
1.	ROB at Km. 119/11-12 between Srirangapatna—Pandva pura section of Srirangapatna—Bidar Road.	Under various stages of Planning
2.	ROB at Km. 320/5 near Krishanarajapuram on National Highway No. 4 Bangalore—Kolar Road.	
3.	ROB at Km. 310/8 near Hanumanhatti on National Highway No. 4.	
4.	ROB at Km. 328/4 near Nelgol on National Highway No. 4	
5.	ROB Between Hospet and Bellary at Km. 145/6-7	Requisite formalities not yet completed by the State Government
6.	ROB between Gadag and Sholapur at Km. 87/2-3	
7.	ROB between Hubli and Gadag at Km. 3/13-14	
8.	ROB between Bellary and Hospet at Km. 206/5-6	
9.	ROB between Bhagalkot and Kudlimathi at Km. 94/11-12	
10.	ROB between Bijapur and Jumnal at Km. 180/11-12	
11.	ROB between Dharwad and Kyarkop at Km. 495/13-14	
12.	ROB between Nagargali and Tavargathi at Km. 534/2	
13.	ROB at Raichur city limits on Municipal Road	
14.	ROB between Kyarkop and Mugad at Km. 497/7-8	
15.	ROB at Chitrapur in Secundrabad—Wadi section Km. 14/11-12	Under planning stage-
16.	ROB at Dharwad in Hubli Division between Hubli—Londa section at Km. 492/13-14.	General Arrangement Plan sent to National Highway Authorities for approval

रेलवे भूमि व्यावसायिक प्रयोजनों के लिए उपयोग में लाए जाने की योजना

1934. **श्री सोम पाल** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने रेलवे भूमि के व्यावसायिक उद्देश्यों हेतु उपयोग किये जाने के लिये कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी योजना के कब तक क्रियान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में अभी तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां, बहरहाल, योजना आस्थगित कर दी गई है ।